

REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the thorough review of the present application. As discussed in detail below, the present claims include recitations that patentably distinguish the claimed invention over the cited references, taken individually or in combination. Based upon the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application and allowance of the pending claims.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-3 and 5-18 were previously pending in the present application.

Claim 1 has been cancelled.

Claims 2, 3 and 5-7 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2 and 3 have been rewritten in independent form and include all of the limitations of previously pending Claim 1. Claims 5-7 depend from Claim 2 and, thus include all of the limitations of Claim 2.

Claims 8-15 and 16-18 have been allowed for the reasons made of record. Applicant wishes to acknowledge the allowance of these claims and respectfully thanks the Examiner.

Claim 8 has been amended to correct errors in translation and to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention.

Claims 11 and 12 have been amended for clarity and particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention.

Claim 15 has been amended to correct errors in formatting.

Claim 16 has been amended to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention.

Claims 19-21 are newly presented claims that depend from Claim 3.

Conclusion

Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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